Installation Instructions for NeSA-W
Computerized Assessments and Learning

The new release of the NeSA CAL testing software will be available on January 24, 2011. This new release will support the **Writing**, Reading, Mathematics, and Science assessments. Nebraska districts that will participate in the 11th grade NeSA-W online pilot test will need to update the software immediately after the release on January 24 to give schools and students the opportunity to take the Writing Practice Test prior to the opening of the NeSA-W pilot testing window on January 31.

The new release of the NeSA CAL testing software will be available through the Automatic Updates feature included in the CAL software; however the Writing assessment will also require access to a large dictionary database that will NOT be downloaded through the Automatic Updates feature. To install the dictionary database and be ready for the Writing assessment schools will have the following options:

1. Receive an automatic update of the new NeSA CAL software release on January 24 and manually download and install the dictionary database to all workstations. The dictionary database patch will be available for download on the NeSA website (http://nesa.caltesting.org/download/index.html) on January 24.

2. Do a completely new installation of the CAL Version 6.x. A fresh installation of the software WILL include the database dictionary and **no** extra download will be required. CAL version 6.x will be available for download on the NeSA website (http://nesa.caltesting.org/download/index.html) on January 24.

Options 1 and 2 are available to schools with the NeSA CAL software already installed in their workstations. Schools new to NeSA online testing will need to follow option 2 only.